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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The idea now is to have an integrated build-up from the base. There is no use having it only at the top level. We are slowly trying to do that.

SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM : இந்த டைரக்டர் ஆப் பப்ளிக் ஹெல்த்தையும் டைரக்கடர் ஆப் மெடிகல் சர்வீசையும் ஒன்றுகச் சேர்த்தால் வேலை அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. அதனால் பப்ளிக் ஹெல்த் தனியாக இயங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இரண்டும் ஒன்றுக சேர்க்கிற சமயத்தில் அதிகமான உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டால் இந்தக் கஷ்டம் ஏற்படாது. இதெல்லாம் எப்படிச் செய்யலாம் என்பது யோசனையில் இருக்கிறது.

Road (Kanyakumari to Kollengode)

* 1639 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL (on behalf of SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigation work is being conducted for a coastal road from Kanyakumari to Kollengode;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof;

(*c*) whether there was already an investigation and survey of a coastal road some years back;

(*d*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*e*) the reasons for conducting a fresh investigation?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The proposed coastal road is from Kanyakumari to Neerodi (via) Kollengode.

(*b*) At present a coastal road exists from Cape Comorin to Colachel for a distance of about 21 miles. As there is no coastal road from Colachel to Neerodi one such road for a length of about 13 miles is proposed to be laid. A scheme has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 5·91 lakhs. This expenditure includes the cost of forming and metalling of the coastal road from Colachel to Neerodi, and certain improvements to the existing road from Kovalam to Manakudi village on the Cape-Colachel route.

(*c*) & (*d*) There is no official record available about the previous investigation done. However, it is understood that an investigation for forming the coastal road was conducted by the former Travancore-Cochin State on the land side of the A.V.M. Canal. Survey and demarcation stones had been planted during the previous survey on both sides of the proposed road. The survey stones are found at an interval of 40 to 100 feet.

(*e*) The fresh investigation is being done in order to have direct connection between the fishing villages along the coast.